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FOR EA/EX/PM DON WETHERBEE - PLS PASS ROBERT FITTS, FOREIGN
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SUBJECT: PORT MORESBY BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. STRONGLY SUGGEST YOU PURCHASE A PRIVATE CAR IN PNG.
THERE ARE PLENTY OF NEW AND USED CARS ON THE LOCAL
MARKET. ONLY LEFT-HAND DRIVE VEHICLES ACCEPTABLE, SEE
PORT MORESBY 1220. A CAR IS A MUST DUE TO LACK OF LOCAL
PUBLIC TRANSPORT. USED JAPANESE CARS RANGE FROM USDOLS 500
AND UP.

2. ELECTRICITY IS 240 VOLT/50 CYCLE. EMBASSY WILL SUPPLY
ONE 1500 WATT TRANSFORMER. HAVE STERO CONVERTED TO 50
CYCLE IN THE U.S. AND YOU WILL HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH ITS
PERFORMANCE.

3. CLOTHING: (EXPENSIVE LOCALLY) BRING AS MANY WASH AND
WEAR SHIRTS/TROUSERS AS YOU THINK NECESSARY FOR INITIAL
ARRIVAL. WE PLACE ORDERS WITH SEARS ROEBUCK, PENNY'S,
ETC. AND USUALLY RECEIVE CLOTHING, ETC. WITHIN FOUR
TO SIX WEEKS. EMBASSY: LONG OR SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT
WITH OR WITHOUT TIE, SLACKS, NO COAT. TROPICAL
FORMAL FOR RECEPTIONS: LONG SLEEVE SHIRT WITH TIE,
NO COAT. BRING ONE SPORT COAT AND ONE DARK SUIT
TROPICAL WEIGHT OCCASIONALLY NEEDED AT OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS.

4. OFFICIAL CALLING CARDS NOT ESSENTIAL. SUGGEST YOU HAVE
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NAME CARDS PRINTED AFTER ARRIVAL.

5. IF YOU PLAY GOLF, TENNIS OR SQUASH, INCLUDE IN AIR
FREIGHT. THESE FACILITIES ARE QUITE ADEQUATE. FISHING,
SAILING, AND SKIN DIVING ARE ALL VERY POPULAR HERE.

6. WE SUGGEST YOU SPEND TWO WORKING DAYS IN HOLOLULU AND THREE
WORKING DAYS IN SYDNEY ON CONSULTATION.

7. WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO FEB. 5. KEEP US INFORMED OF YOUR
ITINERARY ONCE IT IS MADE FIRM.
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